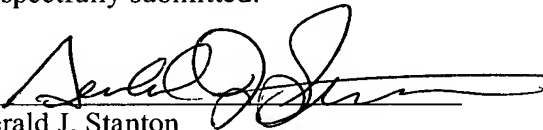


**Remarks/Arguments:**

Claims 1-62 are pending in the present application. In the referenced Office Action, the Examiner has asserted fourteen distinct inventions. Applicants hereby elect group I, which includes claims 1-8, 16-19, and 30. The non-elected claims remain in the application, but are hereby withdrawn without being canceled. The Applicants reserve the right to petition for rejoinder of withdrawn claims based on a later allowance of elected claims. For example, the NxM system of group II and the array of group VI may be subject to rejoinder based on allowance of claims 6 and/or 16, and the device of group III may be subject to rejoinder based on an allowance of claims 5 and/or 6. See MPEP 821 and 821.04.

Applicant respectfully requests examination of the elected claims on the merits.

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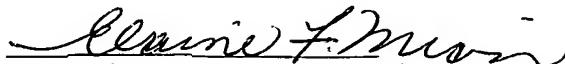
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